

# CITY OF PLAINWELL



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Mrs. Shari Kolak, Remedial Project Manager  
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Re: Plainwell Paper Site (Plainwell, Michigan)

Dear Mrs. Kolak:

In anticipation of your July 12 meeting with representatives from Weyerhaeuser, I would like to communicate to you the City's support of the concept of developing and implementing a remedy tailored to meet the needs of the site. This current effort builds upon work lead by E2 (through an EPA grant), which brought a large segment of the community together to discuss future land uses of the property. That process helped clarify for the City the goal of redeveloping the property for mixed residential, recreational, office and other commercial uses.

A development specific effort that focuses resources and avoids expending unnecessary energy on areas that will, for example, be paved parking makes sense to the City. The City wishes to seek a developer or developers for the site as soon as it is practical so that the development plan will ultimately match as close as possible with the final development. From the City's perspective, bringing all the stakeholders (including a developer) to the table would be the most productive in creating an atmosphere that will ensure private sector funding of the project.

The City has a cooperative working relationship with Weyerhaeuser and looks forward to continuing this process and finding a win-win solution to what is a top priority for our community.

Sincerely,

Erik J. Wilson, Manager  
City of Plainwell

xc: Jennifer Hale, Weyerhaeuser  
Plainwell City Council